

Message

From: Hewitt, James [hewitt.james@epa.gov]
Sent: 8/7/2018 8:39:26 PM
To: Michelle Macaluso [mmacaluso@sbgvtv.com]
CC: Press [Press@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Hi James -- Sinclair Inquiry: SNUR Proposal?

Looping in the rest of the press team.

From: Michelle Macaluso [mailto:mmacaluso@sbgvtv.com]
Sent: Tuesday, August 7, 2018 4:37 PM
To: Hewitt, James <hewitt.james@epa.gov>
Subject: Hi James -- Sinclair Inquiry: SNUR Proposal?

Hi James,

Hoping to get some more informatic about the SNUR proposal. Do you have a second to chat about it today?

Thanks!
Michelle

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Message

From: Block, Molly [block.molly@epa.gov]
Sent: 7/27/2018 3:49:15 PM
To: Stephen Sanchez [smsanchez@sbgvtv.com]; Press [Press@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: EPA Press List and Staff

press@epa.gov is the best press contact

From: Stephen Sanchez [mailto:smsanchez@sbgvtv.com]
Sent: Friday, July 27, 2018 11:49 AM
To: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: EPA Press List and Staff

Good morning,

Can you please add me to the agency's press list to receive statements, advisories, schedules, etc for the Administrator Can you add me to the list for information on any press calls?

Also, can you pass along the name, title and email address for the main press contact for the Administrator?

Thank you,
Stephen Sanchez
Assignment Desk Coordinator
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Message

From: Daguillard, Robert [Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
Sent: 8/10/2018 2:48:02 PM
To: AnnaMaria Di Pietro [adipietro@sbgvtv.com]; Valentine, Julia [Valentine.Julia@epa.gov]; Press [Press@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: STATEMENT - VW CARS STORED IN US

Hullo again,

“EPA will respond to the letter through appropriate channels.” – EPA Spokesperson.

Cheers, R.

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From: AnnaMaria Di Pietro [mailto:adipietro@sbgvtv.com]
Sent: Friday, August 10, 2018 10:01 AM
To: Valentine, Julia <Valentine.Julia@epa.gov>; Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: STATEMENT - VW CARS STORED IN US

Hi Julia –

We’re working on a piece about the 300,000 VW cars being stored in the US due to the emissions scandal/the letter 7 congressmen sent to Administrator Wheeler last month regarding the issue. Can you please provide us with statement on how the EPA is going to handle this? I’ve attached the letter, just in case. Our deadline is 12PM.

Reach out with any questions.

Best,
AnnaMaria

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To: AnnaMaria Di Pietro [adipietro@sbgvtv.com]; Valentine, Julia [Valentine.Julia@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: STATEMENT - VW CARS STORED IN US

Good morning,

We'll look into this for you. Thanks for reaching out.

Cheers, R.

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July 10, 2018

The Honorable Andrew Wheeler
Acting Administrator
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Dear Administrator Wheeler,

We remain concerned about Volkswagen's compliance with U.S. law in light of the company's well-documented violations of emissions regulations. Recent reports indicate there are approximately 300,000 Volkswagen and Audi vehicles stockpiled at over 35 locations across the U.S.¹ Troublingly, there has been no emissions fix for these vehicles and they may not be exported until they comport with the emissions standards the company initially sought to avoid. We write to seek clarification about the present and future status of these vehicles, which are currently out of compliance with U.S. law.

As you are aware, beginning with House Energy & Commerce Committee hearings held on the Volkswagen emissions violations in 2015, Congress is interested in ensuring the company's compliance with applicable regulations.² To that end, it is critically important to the American public and potential purchasers of Volkswagen and Audi vehicles in the U.S. that there be complete transparency about the fate of these 300,000 vehicles. To assist us in our oversight efforts, please provide the following information related to your enforcement of U.S. emissions laws:

1. Does the E.P.A. or another regulatory arm of U.S. government currently possess the following information?
 - a. The exact number of Volkswagen diesel vehicles currently being stored in the U.S., by location;
 - b. The brand, make and model year of each automobile stored, by location.
 - c. For each stored automobile, detailed maintenance reports as they relate to compliance with U.S. environmental regulations;

¹ David Shephardson, *VW storing around 300,000 diesels at 37 facilities around U.S.*, Reuters (Mar. 29, 2018), <https://www.reuters.com/article/us-volkswagen-emissions-storage/vw-storing-around-300000-diesels-at-37-facilities-around-u-s-idUSKBN1H50GQ>

² Insert footnote

2. For each vehicle, information sufficient to determine the following:
- Whether the stored automobile is still equipped with emissions defeat devices;
 - If U.S. government approved emissions repairs have been made;
 - If repairs have been made, clarify the remedies that have been made for each vehicle, whether the automobiles have been tested to ensure that they meet U.S. Government emissions regulations and standards, and how such testing was conducted.
3. If the E.P.A. does not possess this information, please include a detailed explanation as to why and the steps the Agency is taking to ensure compliance with U.S. law.
4. Any information regarding Volkswagen's plans for these vehicles, including but not limited to:
- Any plans to resell these cars in the U.S. below market value; and whether any emissions updates will be conducted prior to reselling;
 - If any of the 300,000 stockpiled automobiles are to be resold in the U.S., whether emissions systems will be updated in accordance with U.S. law, and whether Volkswagen plans to provide a new warranty. If so, provide details of any processed warranty given that some of the stored vehicles are now a number of years old.
5. Please provide an explanation as to the steps the E.P.A. is taking to ensure that VW will not sell any of its stockpiled cars prior to confirming that such cars are in compliance with U.S. emissions regulations.

Thank you for your prompt response. We look forward to hearing from you.

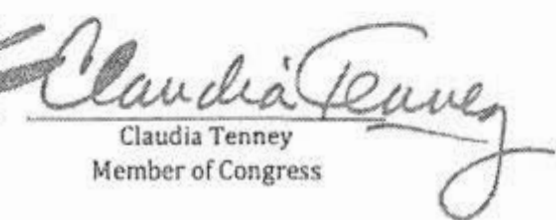
Sincerely,



Matt Gaetz
Member of Congress

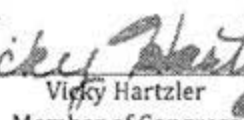


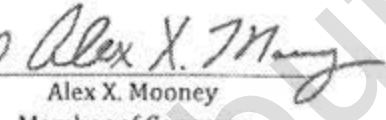
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Message

From: Daguiard, Robert [Daguiard.Robert@epa.gov]
Sent: 4/3/2018 7:43:39 PM
To: Cynthia Gould [cagould@sbgvtv.com]
Subject: RE: Press Inquiry about Toxics / TSCA

Good afternoon Cynthia,

Thanks for reaching out. Are you on deadline?

Also, and based on your area code, are you preparing a report just for Alabama stations or for nationwide distribution? I take it specific health and/or environmental concerns have prompted your inquiry.

Happy to discuss. Thanks again.

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Subject: Press Inquiry about Toxics / TSCA

Hello,

I am inquiring about the proposed ban on Methylene Chloride. Please send me an update on the status and whether the EPA plans to move forward.

Regards,

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Message

From: Michael VanZetta [mvanzetta@sbgvtv.com]
Sent: 3/19/2018 1:09:55 AM
To: Press [Press@epa.gov]
Subject: Interview with Circa

Hi there-

I'm Michael VanZetta, Managing Editor of Programming for Sinclair Broadcast Group (the largest TV operator in the country) and Circa News (a division of Sinclair that was created for the millennial). I was wondering if Circa could do a Facebook Live interview and tour at the Annual National Sustainable Design Expo in DC.

In case you aren't familiar with us...below is a little more information about our platform(s).

Sinclair owns 173 TV stations nationwide (ABC, NBC, CBS, FOX, CW, etc) and has a reach of 44 million homes daily. Circa is the newest addition to the Sinclair family — a digital news platform created entirely for the millennial. Circa's content is made for this generation — short, snackable, shareable and of course mobile friendly content — covering everything from news to pop culture, technology, lifestyle and humor. Since launching in July 2016, Circa has reached 2B consumers between social and web platforms and has generated 690M+ video and page views and 173M+ actions on Facebook (likes, shares or comments), not to mention a larger Facebook following and reach than that of many of our known competitors (Vice, Vox, etc). We average approximately 5 million monthly uniques and over 25 million page views each month (but that seems to be growing rather quickly). With over 2 million likes on our Circa News Facebook page, we have been programming our Facebook live feed to incorporate informative, interesting and unique live shows for our audience. The live interview will be Live Streamed to Facebook, of course, following the live feed, the content would live on our Facebook channel for on demand viewing at any time.

Please let me know if this is something that would be possible. Looking forward to hearing back
Thank you,

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